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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.
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■ This application has been examined ■ Responsive to communication filed on 6-30-99 ■ This action is made final.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 Months from the date of this letter.
Failure to respond within the time period will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

1. ■ Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892.
2. □ Notice re Patent Drawing, PTO-948.
3. □ Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449
4. □ Notice of Informal Patent Application, Form PTO-152.
5. □ Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474.
6. □ _____

Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION

1. ■ Claims 1-30 are pending in the application.
Of the above claims, 16-20 are withdrawn from consideration.
2. ■ Claims 3-4, 21 have been cancelled.
3. ■ Claims 7-8, 11, 13-15 are allowed.
4. ■ Claims 1-2, 5-6, 9-10, 12 are rejected.
5. □ Claims _____ are objected to.
6. □ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.
7. □ This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.
8. □ Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.
9. □ The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on _____. Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are □ acceptable. □ not acceptable (see explanation or Notice re Patent Drawing, PTO-948).
10. □ The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on _____ has (have) been □ approved by the examiner. □ disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).
11. □ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ has been □ approved. □ disapproved (see explanation).
12. □ Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 USC 119. The certified copy has □ been received □ not been received □ been filed in parent application, serial no. _____; filed on _____.
13. □ Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.
14. □ Other

EXAMINER'S ACTION

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This application contains claim 16-20 drawn to an invention nonelected with traverse in Paper No. 8. A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

Claims 1-15 and 22-30 have been examined and claims 16-20 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 6 and 10 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Glu has been misspelled in the claim.

In claim 6, Applicants are requested to place SEQ ID. NOs for peptides b, c, and d.

Appropriate correction is required.

3. Claim 22 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form. The claim states that at least one amino acid is a D amino acid. However, the base claims state that both amino acids, Phe and Glu or Ala are D amino acids. The dependent claim does not further limit the scope of the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 2, 5-6, 9-10 and 22-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 2, the variables X1 and X3 are not defined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Abramowitz-Kurn et al.

The claims are drawn to peptides and pharmaceutical compositions of the peptide that corresponds to formula R1-X1-X2-R2.

The reference teach the peptide having the sequence Phe-Ala-Ala-Ala to be studied the active site carboxypeptidase A (see abstract and Sequence print-out).

5. Claims 7-8, 11, 13-15 are allowed.

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action.

Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anish Gupta whose telephone number is (703) 308-4001.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Woodward, can normally be reached on (703)308-4028 . The fax phone number of this group is (703) 308-4242.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.


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